



# HEMLOCK TREE CARE: SEASONAL GUIDE FOR HEALTHY, THRIVING TREES



Caring for your hemlocks is easy once you know when and how.

Use this seasonal guide to keep your hemlock trees strong, lush, and pest-free year-round.

## SPRING: PRUNE & MULCH

- ✓ Lightly prune before new growth (late winter–early spring)
- ✓ Remove dead/diseased branches with sharp, clean tools
- ✓ For a natural shape, trim a few shoots vs. full shearing
- ✓ Add 2–4 inches of mulch out to the drip line (not against trunk)

## SUMMER: WATER & MONITOR

- 💧 Water young trees regularly; mature trees need deep watering during drought
- ☀️ Hemlocks have shallow roots—keep soil moist, not flooded
- 🐛 Watch for woolly adelgid (white fuzzy spots); treat early

## FALL: FERTILIZE & PROTECT

- 🌿 Fertilize established trees in fall with 10–10–10 or low-nitrogen formula
- 🚫 Don't fertilize trees under 1 year
- 🌳 Maintain mulch to feed soil and protect roots

## BONUS TIPS

- Soil: Acidic and well-drained (pH 4.0–6.0)
- No pruning after August—prevents winter damage
- Check for pests monthly and act early

## CONCLUSION

Before: Yellow needles, thinning branches, pests

After: Deep green color, full shape, strong growth

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